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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR CDR, CENTCOM GENERAL FRANKS' MAY  
24-25, 2003 VISIT TO JORDAN

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR EDWARD W. GNEHM FOR REASONS 1.5 (A,  
B AND D).

11. (C) GENERAL FRANKS: WELCOME BACK TO JORDAN. YOUR VISIT  
PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP  
OF JORDAN FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND  
THEIR CONTINUED EFFORT IN AFGHANISTAN, CONGRATULATE THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS ON HIS RECENT PROMOTION TO  
GENERAL, AND TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES REGARDING THE CURRENT  
SITUATION IN THE REGION. I AM SURE YOUR DISCUSSIONS WILL HELP  
ENSURE THE KINGDOM,S CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE WAR ON  
TERRORISM AND OTHER REGIONAL EVENTS.

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SUMMARY  
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12. (C) EMBASSY AMMAN AND YOUR JORDANIAN HOSTS LOOK FORWARD TO  
YOUR VISIT TO AMMAN. DURING YOUR VISIT, YOU WILL MEET AND  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES WITH THE KING. AS  
YOU KNOW YOUR VISIT COINCIDES WITH THE GOJ,S CELEBRATION OF  
ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1946. THERE IS  
GREAT SENSE OF RELIEF THAT THE WAR IN IRAQ WAS FAST AND  
EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, YOU WILL BE ARRIVING AT A TIME OF  
CONTINUED DOMESTIC FRUSTRATION WITH THE SLOWNESS OF THE  
REBUILDING PROCESS AND THE ONGOING VIOLENCE IN THE WEST BANK  
AND GAZA. MOST JORDANIANS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF PALESTINIAN  
ORIGIN, REMAIN ACCUTELY CONCERNED ABOUT ISRAEL,S HARSH  
TREATMENT OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AND ITS PERCEIVED LACK OF  
COMMITMENT TO THE US-PROVIDED ROAD MAP. HOWEVER, THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN CONTINUES  
TO BE A CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE ONE -- POLITICALLY,  
ECONOMICALLY, MILITARILY AND ON INTELLIGENCE ISSUES. JORDAN  
HAS LONG BEEN A VOICE OF REASON IN THE MIDDLE EAST, A  
SIGNIFICANT MILITARY PARTNER, AND AN IMPORTANT AND RELIABLE  
TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY IN MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. ONE  
OF JORDAN,S UN PEACEKEEPERS WAS SAVAGELY KILLED IN THE CONGO  
THIS WEEK. JORDAN,S &FRONTLINE8 EFFORTS AS A COALITION  
PARTNER IN THE WAR AGAINST TERROR AND IN REBUILDING IRAQ  
CONTINUE.  
END SUMMARY.

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ISSUES THAT WILL ARISE  
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13. (S/NF) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY ARISE DURING YOUR  
DISCUSSIONS WITH HM AND HIS JAF LEADERSHIP.

- (C) AS ALWAYS, JORDANIAN LEADERS AND PEOPLE ARE GRACIOUS  
HOSTS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE U.S. THEY WILL AFFIRM THEIR  
COMMITMENT TO AN ONGOING PARTNERSHIP WITH US AND WILL THANK  
YOU FOR AMERICA,S SUPPORT TO JORDAN.

- (S) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CONCERNS. JORDAN IS  
CONCERNED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR IRAQ MAY NOT BE  
ADEQUATE. RESOURCE SHORTAGES SUCH AS FUEL, WATER, AND  
SHELTER FOR IDPS ARE WATCHED WITH CONCERN BY THE KING,S  
CITIZENS.

- (S) TIMING OF CROSS-BORDER ACTIVITIES. JORDAN AGAIN IS  
CONCERNED THAT CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE FROM  
SYRIA WITH ROCKETS, EXPLOSIVES, AND WEAPONS BEING SENT  
ACROSS. THEY WILL SEEK AN ACCELERATION OF THE PLANNED \$75  
MILLION BORDER SECURITY AID PACKAGE.

- (S) USG REQUESTS OF JORDAN WITH REGARDS TO POST-WAR  
ACTIVITIES. JORDAN WOULD WELCOME ANY INSIGHTS INTO POSSIBLE  
ROLES THAT THEY CAN PLAY IN POST-WAR IRAQ. THEY HAVE  
REQUESTED TO BE ALLOWED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT IN DEMINING,  
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, TRANSPORTATION, INTERPRETERS,  
MILITARY AND POLICE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, AND MEDICAL  
SUPPORT IN IRAQ. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY REMAIN CONCERNED  
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF IRAQI OIL SUPPLIES TO JORDAN.

- (C) THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN DESIRES TO RESUME THE ROBUST  
EXERCISE SCHEDULE THAT THEY HAVE ENJOYED WITH ALL OF THE  
CENTCOM COMPONENT COMMANDS. ONGOING AND SCHEDULED PLANNING  
CONFERENCES ARE A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THEY PLAN TO  
APPLY FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE  
ACTIVITIES. IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL DISCUSS REGIONAL  
TRAINING EVENTS FOR SOF, F-16S, AND DEMINING AND

PEACEKEEPING. THEY MAY ALSO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING FUTURE BRIGHT STAR EXERCISES IN JORDAN.

- (S) THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN, WHILE EAGER TO INVOLVE ITSELF WITH THE REBUILDING OPERATION IN IRAQ, ALSO REMAINS FOCUSED ON ITS OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. THEY WILL ROTATE FORCES IN THAT COUNTRY STARTING ON 22 MAY. THEY WILL BE INTERESTED IN YOUR VISION FOR THEIR PRESENCE THERE. THEY ARE INTERESTED ALSO IN SUPPLYING WEAPONS REFURBISHED IN JORDAN TO THE AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY IF THE USG WILL SUPPORT SUCH AN EFFORT. THEY ARE SIMILARLY INTERESTED IN US SUPPORT FOR TRAINING THE ANA IN A WIDE RANGE OF SKILLS WITH USG SUPPORT.

- (C) THEY WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE RECENT IRAQ WAR.

- (S) THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP WILL EXPRESS THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE GWOT. THEY FEAR JORDAN IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE NEXT TARGET IN THE LATEST SERIES OF AL-QAEDA ATTACKS AND ARE TAKING ENERGETIC STEPS TO COUNTER THE POTENTIAL THREAT. THEY WILL SEEK ROBUST CT TRAINING AND INTELLIGENCE SHARING.

14. (C) THE JTF-W COMMANDER WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE OF COALITION AND 1003V ACTIONS AS PART OF THE SCHEDULED COUNTRY TEAM MEETING THE MORNING OF 25 MAY.

15. (C) AGAIN, I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK TO JORDAN. BEST REGARDS.

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